St Louis June 17th
1859.

Friend Garrison

While I was in the city of St Domingo - I met a man named - Elijah R. Gross. who emigrated to the Island in the time of Boyer - 1824.
He was then quite young - but could read. (His native place was Baltimore) He has since learned to read Spanish & French. & seems to be a very well informed man. has held the office of Judge, for many years but resigned to act during the late wars because he was a peace man.
He remembers your struggle in Baltimore & takes often you & your success, with great interest.
He was doing well, as a merchant & trader in Mahogony - in a small town some forty miles from the capital when the last revolution broke out, & followers of Soulouque, burned the town & left him penniless -
We found him the most intelligent person with whom we made acquaintance on the Island (tho very block) our acquaintance was an accident and only commenced a week before we left much to our regret.
I promised to try & get the Liberator sent to him - Please send it to
Mr Elisha R. Gross. St Domingo City -

& allow me to pay the subscription with my brains—

Now my good friend let me talk a little of myself—I have collected a goodly number of notes—on the manners customs & conditions of the people of the Islands that I have been visiting—as well as upon the soil climate & production—& have thought of making a book of it—It will be a decidedly anti Slavery work—You know my style—& something of public feeling—Do you think such a book would sell & if so please give your counsel as to who would be the best person of Publishing

I had thought before my return of asking aid of my esteemed friend Charles Henry who once asked me to write, a good Anti Slavery book—But he has gone—& I can't tell me see his like again.

The entire prostration of my husband* in his profession appears—More as it was desirable that I should put a shoulder to the wheel & have to some profitable account

One idea I have entertained, has been to get up Lectures on Cuba—St Croix & St Domingo—& try my fortune with them East—This fall & winter this is my desire to see & hear for myself, & to work in the Cause of Anti Slavery—induced me to take the long

* Did not know of this until my arrival at N.Y.

Life of Toussaint, by Dr. Beard
Dr. John Brown's History of St. Domingo

journey & when we left St Domingo
I had no doubt, of reaching New York
in time for the Anniversaries
& meeting you all & arranging with Mother
for the future.
But our ship did not reach port soon
in time for me to attend the meeting
of Progressive Friends - Even Olive was
not to be found in N.Y. —
Pardon this long letter - & if you can
give me any advice or counsel
you will very much
oblige
Yours Truly
F. D. Gage

Aunt Nancy Gage

P.S. There is no person here, with whom I
can confer - My husband thinks I work
nothing & my poor business -
I open my letter to make one more request
Is there any history of St Domingo in
English or account of the the insurrection
of the Colored people, either in St Domingo
or Hayti - If there is please send me
a copy & mark the cost on the bill
Page & I will remit the amount at once
I tried in New York, in St Domingo - & in
St Thomas but could find nothing of
the kind - I wish it to get a knowledge
of the the first efforts of the people
towards independence